



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/023,911

Confirmation No. 4817

Applicant : Kit Yeng Lim

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Examiner : Anuradha Ramana

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Title: Apparatus And Method To Stabilize And Repair An Intervertebral Disc

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 21, 2003

Our File: 1545-02800  
Date: November 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action dated May 21, 2003. In response, Applicants submit the following arguments and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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